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The Pŭrvi May Cotton Textile Mill in Varna - August 1951

1. The Pŭrvi May Cotton Textile Mill, allegedly the largest factory of its type in Bulgaria, occupies a few hundred decagres of land on the seashore at Karantina, in the southern outskirts of the Asparukhovo quarter of Varna (now Stalin). The mill formerly belonged to Nikolov (fnu) who has emigrated to Egypt. Buildings are as follows:
  - a. One 2-story building, 300 by 350 meters in size;
  - b. One 4-story building with 52 rooms used as a girls' dormitory;
  - c. One 4-story dye building, 35 by 25 meters in size, called the Orel Factory;
  - d. Blacksmith shops; and
  - e. Carpenter shops.
2. The equipment includes approximately 250 looms, 150 spinning machines, steam instruments for dyeing, and instruments for producing chloride of lime. A diesel engine is used to power the electrical plant.
3. The mill uses only cotton from the USSR, which is transported by ship to Varna. The raw cotton is stored on the first floor in the spinning section and the finished materials in a storeroom in the dye building. Approximately 50,000 meters of cotton cloth are produced daily during the three 8-hour shifts; about 75 percent of the finished textiles go to the USSR.

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4. [redacted] only approximately 50 Militia men employed as factory guards, but [redacted] there were a total of about 200. The commanding officer is a [redacted] second lieutenant. The entire factory area is surrounded by barbed wire. 25X1
5. As of August 1951, the mill personnel [redacted] was as follows: 25X1
- a. Zhako Kostov, director, properties; [redacted] presently director of Stroyobedinenie (State Construction Enterprise); 25X1
  - b. Kosev (fnu), administrative director;
  - c. Ivanov (fnu), administrative director;
  - d. Kovachev (fnu), technical director, engineer;
  - e. Goridov (fnu), chief of personnel; [redacted] presently the Chief of the Fire Extinguishing Team; and 25X1
  - f. Velichka (lnu), chief of personnel.

Miscellaneous Industrial Establishments in Varna - September 1952

- 6. The Khristo Botev Cotton Textile Mill is located near the old railroad station in southwestern Varna. It has its own electric power plant.
- 7. The Chervena Zvezda Cotton Textile Mill is located adjacent to the Vasil Levski Factory in southwestern Varna in the vicinity of Varna Lake.
- 8. The Partam Iron Factory, which produces stoves, is located 100 meters west of the Chervena Zvezda Mill.
- 9. The Vulkan Iron Foundry, which produces stoves, is located near a yard which is used as a market place on Monday [redacted] 25X1
- 10. The Engibarov Iron Factory is located near the new railroad station in central Varna.
- 11. There is a meat, fish, fruit and vegetable cannery near the railroad station and another near the Chervena Zvezda Mill.
- 12. An old thermoelectric plant is located in the western outskirts of the city near "AK Bayir." Another thermoelectric plant, larger than the one listed above, is located near a wooden bridge over the Deven Canal which leads to the Aspärukhovo quarter of Varna. Coal is used for power production.
- 13. Several joint Bulgarian shipyards, in which small ships and motorboats are built, are located along the Deven Canal. Stefan Etirski, a mechanical engineer [redacted] is chief of the shipyard laboratories. 25X1

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